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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 3 January 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 3 April 2001. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 3 July 2001 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Claims 65-67 were rejected in the Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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